# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

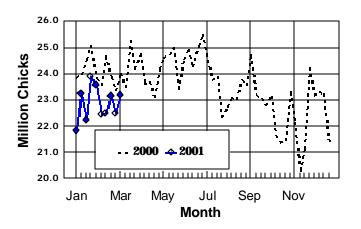
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.2 million during the week ending March 10, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000, but 3 percent above the revised previous week, and included 2.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through March 10, 2001 were 228.6 million, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.5 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and slightly below the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.7 percent.

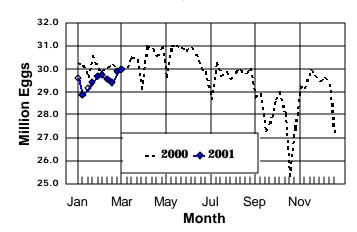
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 10, 2001, slightly below the same period last year, but up slightly from the previous week.

	NET PL	ACEME	NTS	CHICK	KS HATCI	HED	EGGS SET			
Week Ending	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	
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Feb. 3	23,588	23,584	100	24,709	23,577	95	29,942	29,702	99	
Feb. 10	24,678	22,457	91	25,350	23,864	94	30,083	29,752	99	
Feb. 17	23,844	22,478	94	24,722	24,141	98	30,248	29,581	98	
Feb. 24	23,384	23,167	99	24,686	24,393	99	30,009	29,392	98	
Mar. 3	24,043	22,485	94	24,797	24,515	99	30,063	29,916	100	
Mar. 10	23,490	23,203	99	24,722	24,466	99	30,078	29,991	100	

## CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



## EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)							CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/	
STATE	17-Feb	24-Feb	03-Mar	10-Mar	%	03-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	03-Mar	10-Mar	%	
Alabama	28,323	28,250	28,521	28,730	99	21,082	20,714	20,568	20,374	21,304	21,220	101	
ARKANSAS	29,581 *	29,392	29,916	29,991	100	23,584	22,457	22,478 *	23,167 *	22,485 *	23,203	99	
Delaware	4,306	4,322	3,555	3,669	84	4,982	5,526	4,693	4,232	4,905	4,817	85	
Florida	2,719	2,554	2,440	2,544	92	2,300	2,183	2,049	2,434	2,353	2,408	99	
Georgia	31,081 *	31,652	32,368	31,513	98	24,213	24,709	24,456	24,539	24,227 *	24,755	106	
Maryland	8,590	8,802	8,943	8,736	102	5,702	5,050	5,533	5,715	5,717 *	5,602	116	
Mississippi	18,379 *	18,609	19,018	19,004	104	15,290	15,261	14,843	14,874	15,174	15,405	106	
N. Carolina	17,973 *	18,063	18,469	18,290	99	14,658	13,768	13,585	13,999	14,284	14,716	110	
Pennsylvania	3,534	3,834	3,709 *	3,755	101	2,703 *	2,516 *	2,716	2,882	2,391 *	2,659	99	
S. Carolina	4,798	4,930	4,919	4,846	96	4,160	4,067	4,017	3,760	4,044	3,702	77	
Texas	14,544	14,663	14,659	14,738	102	11,106	11,218	11,258	11,532	11,415	11,443	102	
Virginia	6,516 *	6,616	6,649 *	6,647	101	4,758	5,291	5,526	5,602 *	5,592 *	5,859	112	
CATN & W VA	11,543 *	11,748 *	11,579 *	11,351	101	10,255	10,525 *	9,567 *	9,483 *	9,981 *	10,406	107	
Total 2000-2001	181,887 *	183,435 *	184,745 *	183,814		144,793 *	143,285 *	141,289 *	142,593 *	143,872 *	146,195		
Total 1999-2000	178,218	183,373	184,181	184,823		144,326	145,858	143,311	141,374	141,126	142,475		
% PREV. YEAR	102	100	100	99		100	98	99	101	102	103		
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001							31-Mar	07-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr		

<sup>\*</sup> Revised .

## EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 184 million eggs during the week ending March 10, 2001. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 10, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through March 10, 2001 were 1.43 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

<sup>1/</sup> Current week as percent of the same week last year.